#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

# **BEFORE THE**

#### **COUNTY OF BURLEIGH**

### **SECURITIES COMMISSIONER**

In the Matter of Preferred Trust	)
and Management, LTD. and	) CONSENT ORDER
Gerald Haskins,	) ·
Respondents.	)

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has a determined, and the Respondents, Gerald Haskins, admit as follows:

- On April 10, 2001, the North Dakota Securities Commissioner issued a Cease and Desist Order in the above captioned matter based on the fact that Gerald Haskins solicited three people to invest in the Preferred Trust and Management investment scheme.
- Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-04 N.D.C.C. because the Preferred Trust and Management program was not registered as a security in North Dakota, nor does the program qualify for any exemption from the securities registration provisions of the Securities Act.
- Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-10 N.D.C.C. because
   Gerald Haskins was not registered as an agent in North Dakota, nor did the transaction constitute an exempt transaction under the Securities Act.
- 4. Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-15 N.D.C.C. because the program, as a whole, is a scheme or artifice to defraud investors or potential investors. It does not appear that Gerald Haskins made the solicitations with knowledge that the program was a scheme to defraud investors.

- 5. Pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C., when it shall appear to the Commissioner that any person has engaged in, or is engaging in, or is about to engage in any act or practice which is declared illegal in this chapter, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, issue any order and collect civil penalties against any person found in an administrative action to have violated any provision of the chapter in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.
- 6. The violations described above are sufficient grounds for the Commissioner to assess civil penalties against respondents pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C.
- 7. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, has admitted the factual and legal conclusions contained in this Order, and enters into this Order willingly. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, acknowledges his right to a hearing regarding this matter to present arguments before the Commissioner, and has waived all rights to a hearing regarding this matter.
- 8. The following Order is necessary and appropriate in the public interest.

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, THAT:

- 1. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, shall pay to the Securities Commissioner, pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C., a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000. The penalty shall be paid as follows:
  - a. \$500 due and payable upon execution of this agreement.
  - \$100 per month due and payable on the first of each month beginning with
     August 1, 2003, until the additional \$1,500 is paid.
  - c. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, can prepay at any time, without penalty.

- d. Payment can be made within fifteen days after the due date (grace period) without any penalty to the respondent. If payment is not made within that grace period, respondent shall be in default and all funds still owing are immediately due and payable.
- 2. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, shall pay to the Securities Commissioner's Securities Protection Fund all funds, which have been or will be received in profits, commissions or other payments from soliciting persons to participate in the program. Any additional funds received shall, within ten (10) days of their receipt by Gerald Haskins, shall be paid to the Securities Protection Fund.
- 3. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, shall agree to cooperate with any investigation by the Securities Commissioner or any law enforcement agency, regardless of jurisdiction, and shall willingly and openly and truthfully testify in any proceeding, be it administrative, civil or criminal in nature.
- 4. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, shall and herein does acknowledge liability, pursuant to section 10-04-17 N.D.C.C., to each of the persons they solicited. Respondent, Gerald Haskins, shall not contest any civil claim of liability to any of those persons based on any denial of applicability of that statute, or that the facts of this case do not give rise to a claim under that statute.
- 5. The Cease and Desist Order, as issued on April 10, 2001, shall remain in effect, and any violations of that Order can be pursued without any regard to this Consent Order.
- 6. This Order shall be effective upon signature of the Commissioner.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

2003.



Karen J. Tyler, Securities Commissioner North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard Ave.

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and Management, LTD. and Gerald Haskins, Respondents.	) ) )	CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER
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The undersigned Respondent, Gerald Haskins, state that he has read the foregoing Consent Order, and that he knows and fully understands its contents and effects. Gerald Haskins further acknowledges that he has waived his right to a hearing with respect to this matter; and that he consents to the entry of the Consent Order by the Securities Commissioner, and expressly admit the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein. It is further expressly understood that the Consent Order constitutes the entire settlement agreement between the parties hereto, there being no other promises or agreements, either expressed or implied.

Dated this 19th day of Jave 2003.

Gerald Haskins

2901 34 Ave. SE

Minot, ND 58701-2904

Sworn before me this

day of June, 2003.

DIANE B.G. KAMBEITZ Burleigh County, State of North Dakota My Commission Expires April 25, 2006 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA Notary Public Seal

State of:

County:

My Commission Expires: